



Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Date:	Thursday, 23 July 2015
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Barbara Nash (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Jan Barker, Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Peter Hardy, Neil Harvey, Viv Willder.
Other Councillors Present:	None
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Michael Duck, Sharon Wadsworth, Holly Whittaker, Tara Walsh.
Other Attendees:	Detective Inspector Tony Baxter, Christa Ferguson.

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. There were no declaration of interest.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 27 March 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 24(c):

Councillor Viv Willder for Councillor Gail Goodman.

Decision Items

4. Safeguarding and Licensing Matters

Chris Hambly, Principal Licensing Office, introduced Detective Inspector Tony Baxter, from the Lancashire Constabulary's Public Protection Unit, to the committee. Following an introduction on the work of the public protection unit, the relevance to local authorities and the findings following Independent Inquiries into child sexual exploitation, in Rotherham and Rochdale, Detective Inspector Baxter introduced a presentation on safeguarding issues and ways of improving awareness amongst licensed hackney carriage and private hire drivers of child sexual exploitation in the borough, particularly.

Following questions and discussion the committee thanked Detective Inspector Baxter for his presentation and RESOLVED to note the report and agreed to consider mandatory safeguarding training as part of the taxi licensing application process.

5. Dicconson Terrace and Henry Street Taxi Rank

Chris Hambly, reported that. A request had been received from Lancashire County Council seeking that the committee confirm the full description of the recently appointed hackney carriage stands in Dicconson Terrace, Lytham, including the start point.

The committee RESOLVED to confirm that the description of the stands is:

a) a hackney carriage stand on the south side of Henry Street for 21m in a westerly direction from the highway boundary of Dicconson Terrace for 3 vehicles between 1800 and 0300.

b) a hackney carriage stand on the west side of Dicconson Terrace, Lytham for 33m from the centreline of Henry Street in a southerly direction for 6 vehicles between 1800 and 0300

6. Caravan Licensing – Mowbreck Hall Park

Michael Duck, Senior Environmental Health Officer, presented a report relating to Mowbreck Hall Park, situated on Mowbreck Lane, Wesham. The site was licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 as a holiday static caravan site and was currently licensed for 25 caravans.

An application had been received to amend Condition 23 of the site licence, as amended on 3rd February 1994, “No caravan on the site shall be occupied during the period between the 14th December and 1st February in any year”.

Mr Duck explained that planning consent 12/0680, granted on 4th January 2013, permitted that the site could remain open throughout the year for holiday purposes only. The owner was seeking to retain a two week closure period on the site between the 14th February and 1st March in any year.

After a lengthy discussion the committee was minded to accept the proposed changes to the closure period provided that additional wording was included to reinforce the restriction of the site to holiday use.

It was RESOLVED that the committee were minded to amend Condition 23 of the site licence to read “No caravan on the site shall be occupied during the period between 14th February and 1st March in any year. The owners/operators of the caravan site shall maintain an up-to-date register of the names and main address of all owners/occupiers of individual caravans/cabins/chalets/holiday lodges etc on the site. This information shall be made available at all reasonable times to the council.”.

7. Caravan Licensing – River Wyre Caravan Park

Mr Duck presented a report relating to River Wyre Caravan Park, situated on Mains Lane, Singleton. The site was licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 for 111 holiday static caravans and 25 touring caravans.

An application had been received to extend the occupation of the site for all year round use for both the holiday site licence and touring site licence. Condition 2 of the current licences was “and no caravan shall be occupied between the 5th January and the last day of February in any one year”.

Mr Duck confirmed that planning consent 12/0382, granted on 12th September 2012, permitted the year round holiday use of the static caravan site.

After a discussion the committee was minded to accept the proposed changes to the licenses provided that additional wording was included to reinforce the restriction of the site to holiday use.

It was RESOLVED that the committee were minded to amend Condition 2 of the site licences to read “Caravans shall be used for human habitation only, with all year round occupation for holiday purposes only and not as a persons permanent, sole or main place of residence. The owners/operators of the caravan site shall maintain an up-to-date register of the names and main address of all owners/occupiers of individual touring caravans, holiday lodges, motorhomes etc on the site. This information shall be made available at all reasonable times to the Local Authority.”

8. Caravan Licensing – Whitmore Caravan Park

Mr Duck introduced a report relating to Whitmore Caravan Park, a touring site situated at Bradshaw Lane, Greenhalgh near Kirkham. The site was licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 for 25 touring caravans.

An application had been received to amend Condition 1c “The site shall be used only as a touring caravan site and only during the period from 1st March to 31st October each year. Between the 31st October of each year and the 1st March of the following year all caravans shall be removed from the site” to extend the operation of the site from 15th February to 31st December each year.

Mr Duck explained that planning consent 06/0726, granted on 18th October 2006, permitted the occupation of the site between 15th February and 31st December in any year.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to amend Condition 1c of the site licence to read “The site shall be used only as a touring caravan site and only during the period from 15th February to 31st December each year. Between the 1st January and the 14th February in any year, all caravans shall be removed from the site.”

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